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## OVERVIEW:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana (ABHLA) is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) Medicaid Services Manual, and would like to remind providers to refer to these manuals when submitting claims. If the manual requires additional guidance impacting reimbursement, the details will be outlined by ABHLA in the Provider Manual or in a supporting reimbursement policy.

With regard to urine drug testing, the Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Provider Manual states:

*"Louisiana Medicaid covers presumptive and definitive drug testing under the following parameters:*

- *Presumptive drug testing is limited to 24 total tests per member per calendar year. Providers are to consider the methodology used when selecting the appropriate procedure code for the presumptive testing;*
- *Definitive drug testing is limited to 12 total tests per member per calendar year. Testing more than fourteen definitive drug classes per day is not medically necessary; and*
- *No more than one presumptive and one definitive test will be reimbursed per day per beneficiary, from the same or different provider.*

*These services may be subject to post payment review. Non-compliance with written policy may result in recoupment and additional sanctions, as deemed appropriate by Louisiana Medicaid."*

Effective 6/1/2021, Aetna Better Health of Louisiana will enact a new policy employing a claim edit to eliminate coverage of CPT codes 80320-80377 to test for individual substance(s) or metabolites and will employ a claim edit eliminating coverage of G0482 and G0483. The policy adheres to LDH guidelines, but introduces monthly limitations (shown in **bold**):

- Presumptive drug testing is limited to twenty-four (24) total tests per enrollee per calendar year, **with no more than two (2) in one (1) month.**
- Definitive drug testing is limited to twelve (12) total tests per enrollee per calendar year, **with no more than one (1) per month.** Testing more than fourteen (14) definitive drug classes per day is not reimbursable.
- No more than one presumptive drug test AND one definitive test are reimbursed per day per enrollee, from the same or different provider.

Please note that providers may see reimbursement impacted if not aligned to the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid services manual within 30 days of the date of this reminder notification.

## Questions and Support:

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